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soil or surroundings that would indicate any difference from many similar places that are found in the State.

It has been previously reported in RHODORA, as far south in New England as Southbridge, Massachusetts.— A. W. DRIGGS, East Hartford, Connecticut.

JUNIPERUS COMMUNIS, VAR. ERECTA, IN MASSACHUSETTS. - In recent endeavors to make a complete list of the conifers growing without cultivation in the vicinity of Northampton, Massachusetts, I was fortunate enough to find a small colony of the tall Juniper described by Mr. Alfred Rehder in the Cyclopedia of American Horticulture, as Juniperus communis, var. erecta, Pursh. As this form is very rare in New England, it seems worthy of mention in RHODORA. It was growing in the same field with the common prostrate form, J. communis, var. canadensis Loud., but differing essentially in the manner of growth, the small trees being perfectly erect, some of them columnar, others spreading. The tallest one I saw was somewhat over ten feet in height, with a trunk-girth of ten inches. The leaves are longer than those of the low form, and not so thickly crowded upon the branches. In the fruit I could discover no difference. The distinguishing characteristics, then, were the longer and less crowded leaves, the much greater size, and the erect growth. --EMILY HITCHCOCK TERRY, Smith College, Northampton, Massachusetts.

[The common low juniper of barren pastures and hillsides in New England is treated by Mr. Rehder as *Juniperus communis*, var. canadensis. The tall form noted by Mrs. Terry is common further south, but, so far as we are aware, it is not otherwise known in New England. J. communis, var. nana, Loud. (var. alpina, Gaud.), to which the var. canadensis has often been erroneously referred, is thus far known in our limits only from the North Basin of Mt. Katahdin. — Ed.]

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